Detroit Aug 10th 1847. Tuesday

My dear Brother

I hasten to inform you of my pleasant journey, & safe arrival here on the morning of the 8th — our passage up the river was prosperous (though we were detained a little in the morning by a dense fog) & we arrived in time for an indifferent breakfast at the Delevan House. Here the eldest daughter of Dr Taylor left us, having come thus far to visit friends in Albany & its vicinity — As the weather was pleasant & we were in a very easy car — I enjoyed the day — & though we rode all night I felt when we reached Rochester at 5 in the morning very little fatigued. At R— they detained us more than three hours but the delay was rather in our favour, as we had an opportunity to wash & get breakfast & we felt quite refreshed — We arrived at Buffalo only between 1 & 2 o'clock P.M. instead of in the morning as we had expected — There we saw from the observatory of the 'American' the ascension of a balloon & a man attached, & the descent of the same into the Lake — After tea an acquaintance took us to ride & gave us a view of every part of the city & of the Fort which commands the Lake & the river — The latter affords a beautiful view.

We left B— on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in the 'Canada' a new & very pretty boat & a fast sailer. The wind was somewhat high & of course the water in considerable commotion — but as I was not unpleasantly affected by it I enjoyed the passage more than usual — Mary L— was obliged to leave the table in consequence of the motion of the Boat — & to keep her berth most of the remainder of the day — There were very few passengers — fewer I think, than I have ever previously met — & we were very nicely accommodated — Mary will know how nicely — as I believe we had the same room she occupied — Sunday morning early, found us near the mouth of the river — We stopped for a few moments at Malden, the first port after leaving B — had a delightful sail up the river & arrived here at 8 o'clock, just twenty two from B. The Captain said, the roughness of the Lake retarded our progress somewhat, or the passage would have been made in an hour or two, less time — The children were on the roof of the house looking out for us — the man servant ready at the landing to take our baggage — & Mr Woodruff came to welcome us — As we had taken our breakfast on board we had nothing to do after our arrival at the house, but to talk, until it was time to prepare for church — We found all well, as much as usual, except Anna who though she kept up during the day, was quite sick at night, with pain in her face & head — We attended church all day & heard two excellent sermons from Dr Duffield — I was very sorry to be out at all on the Sabbath, or to arrive at that time, but for us ladies it seemed to be unavoidable — I found Miss Taylor a very pleasant travelling companion & she helped to make up the agreeables of the journey — — I did not see Dr Sprague after I first went on board though I understood you to say that he said he should look me up — The gallantry of my masculine acquaintances seems to evaporate in promises — I think I will not have much more faith in them in that respect — I met in the cars on Thursday Mr Joshua W. Spencer from Utica an old acquaintance, who was very sociable & agreeable —

Yesterday morning I went to ride with Anna — & visited the new cemetery — a pleasant spot about two miles above the city — There is considerable variety in the surface of the ground — & it is handsomely laid out but not kept under much cultivation — If it was all well cared for, it would be exceedingly attractive — It is quite new & but few interments have taken place there — For several years the burial ground used has been so low & wet that opened graves would have a considerable depth of water — In the afternoon I went out again with Theodore & Anna & rode down the river to Love lane, & the new Fort at Springwells — The Fort was building when I was here last & has been now nearly completed — We visited & examined it — The family were all down there together, two carriage loads of us, & we had a pleasant time — I expect to have an opportunity to ride as much as I can wish — as Anna likes to be in the open air — & feels better than when in the house —

I hope you have been able to get rooms at Longbranch ere this — as the season is so fast passing away — How did sister T. Mary like their location at Tompkinsville?

Sister Sophia & Anna thank you for their present. Since writing the preceding I have been so interrupted that I must hasten to a close —

With much love to sister T. Mary & Eddy
I am your affectionate sister
Elisabeth

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